



# **DELMARVA AGRICULTURE DATA WEEKLY BROILER CHICKS REPORT**

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## **PLACEMENTS DOWN 10%**

For the week ending Feb 21, 2004, growers placed 10.9 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 9.8% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.9 million) decreased 9.8% from the comparable week in 2003. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.9 million, an increase of 0.6% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 10.8 million for the week ending Feb 14, 2004 compared to 11.7 million slaughtered during the same week in 2003.

## **BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA**

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
12/27/03	14,316	13,621	11,830	11,278	11,830	11,278
01/03/04	14,357	13,595	11,810	11,385	11,810	11,385
01/10/04	14,432	13,634	11,692	11,233	11,694	11,233
01/17/04	14,339	13,755	11,592	11,151	11,593	11,151
01/24/04	14,404	13,656	11,741	11,217	11,743	11,217
01/31/04	14,662	13,432	11,744	11,194	11,744	11,194
* 02/07/04	14,547	<b>13,500</b>	11,787	<b>11,358</b>	11,790	<b>11,358</b>
* 02/14/04	13,226	13,842	11,870	11,058	11,871	<b>11,059</b>
02/21/04	13,818	13,901	12,082	10,903	12,084	10,903

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

\* Revised.

## **NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/**

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	02/28/04	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	76.36	76.36	72.26	54.11
12-City Composite 2/	75.09	74.51	69.79	60.26

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.